

Serial No. 10/006,492

#### **REMARKS**

The above amendment is made in response to a Examiner's Proposed Amendment that was received by the Applicants via facsimile on October 4, 2005. Specifically, claims 1-142 have now been canceled without prejudice. New claims 143-158 have been added that directly reflect the proposed allowable claims in the Examiner's Proposed Amendment. It should be noted that for clarity reasons, the Applicants elect to add new claims instead of amending the existing claim set. Applicants believe that the pending claims are allowable over the present rejections as previously stated in Applicants' Response dated August 9, 2005. Allowance of these pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants' representative would like to thank Examiner Allen for kindly taking a substantial amount of time on numerous occasions to discuss the merits of the subject invention. Applicants' representative is aware of the time constraint that is placed on the Examiner and is appreciative of the Examiner's willingness to devote such large quantity of time to discuss the case on the merit.

#### **Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that all of these claims fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§101 and 112. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all the claims are presently in condition for allowance. Thus, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there remains unresolved issues, it is requested that the Examiner grant Applicants a telephone interview by contacting the undersigned at (732) 530-9404 so that such issues are resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Serial No. 10/006,492

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, or if any additional fees are required, kindly charge that fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0782.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 7, 2006

  
Kin-Wah Tong  
Attorney for Applicants  
Reg. No. 39,400  
(732) 530-9404

Patterson & Sheridan, LLP  
595 Shrewsbury Avenue  
Shrewsbury, New Jersey 07702